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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

The Honorable Attorney General of the United States: John Ashcroft
Please accept the attached letter that supports immediate regarding the
Microsoft settlement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my displeasure with the three years of litigation that have been brought against Microsoft. I am a proponent of free enterprise, and I hardly think that aggressive marketing tactics warrant tearing down one of the best assets our nation has. Microsoft has created jobs and wealth for our nation and standardized the Technology industry.

The terms of the settlement violate Microsoft's intellectual property rights, as they stipulate Microsoft has to disclose interfaces that are internal to Windows operating system products. Microsoft will also be required to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products.

Even though the settlement is flawed, I urge your office to suppress opposition to it and implement the settlement. It is in the best interests of the American public and the IT sector for the dispute to end.

Yours truly,

Ron Faunce

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